Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections



OFFENDER REENTRY Community Resources Tips and Services

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In addition to the resource information provided in your discharge packet you can call or log onto one of the following websites for assistance.

Healthy Louisiana Program: Louisiana's Medicaid expansion program for adults 19 to 64 years of age, and meet certain income criteria, is known as Healthy Louisiana. To learn more about Healthy Louisiana, find out if you qualify for Healthy Louisiana, or choose a Healthy Louisiana health plan, call 1-888-342-6207 or visit www.healthy.la.gov.

Louisiana Medicaid Customer Service Unit: Call to report a change in family size, living arrangements, parish of residence, mailing address, or if you have obtained health insurance from another source (e.g., employer, Federal marketplace) by dialing 1-888-342-6207 or go to www.healthy.la.gov. You can also use this number to request replacement health insurance cards or check your Medicaid status.

Louisiana 211 Network: 211 is an easy to remember phone number that connects callers statewide to information and services in times of need. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters, by dialing 211 or going to www.louisiana211.org.

Restitution and child support: You will be expected, as a condition of your parole supervision, to comply with any orders of restitution or child support. Failure to do so could result in the revocation of your parole. Please notify your parole officer of any such obligations and work with your officer regarding your ability to comply. Call Department of Children and Family Services' toll-free hotline, 1-888-LAHELP-U (1-888-524-3578), for automated case information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or to speak with

a customer service representative between 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, or go to www.dcfs.la.gov/cse

Housing: Although there is no ultimate source that serves as a solution for housing for the homeless & sex offenders, by working IN ADVANCE with the Probation & Parole Officer, your chances of finding or maintaining a suitable residence will be greatly enhanced. The Louisiana Housing Corporation has a searchable database with information and resources to assist in identifying housing options at www.lahousingsearch.org or by phone at 1-877-428-8844

SNAP: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides monthly benefits that help eligible low-income households buy the food they need for good health. Restrictions regarding applicants with felony records have been removed. For more information on SNAP and other services available through the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), call 1-888-LAHELP-U (1-888-524-3578) or go to www.dss.state.la.us and click on "I Am".

Veterans: Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs (LDVA) has trained, accredited Veterans Assistance Counselors (VACs) available in every parish who can help connect formerly incarcerated veterans with their earned federal and state veterans' benefits, including potential housing benefits, health care, education, service-connected and non-service connected disability benefits, compensation, pension, and much more. LDVA encourages all veterans to contact their local VAC in their home parish. To find the VAC office closest to your home, please call LDVA at 225-219-5000 or enter the veteran's zip code at: www.vetaffairs.la.gov/locations

Directory of State Services: Louisiana.gov contains a comprehensive online directory of services provided by state government. Visit www.louisiana.gov.

Driver's License, Motor Vehicle Tag and Title: The Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) provides for provisional licenses and payment plan for restoring licenses of operators of motor vehicles, as well as the state ID cards, call 225-925-6146 or visit www.expresslane.org.

Employment Resources: The Louisiana Workforce Commission has Career Solutions Centers throughout the state that can assist you in locating employment or employment training. To find the Center nearest you, call 225-342-3111 or go to www.laworks.net. This website can also provide assistance in locating employment using their web-based HIRE Network.

Utilities: The Public Service Commission provides customers with safe, adequate and reliable utilities services. For additional information, call 1-800-256-2397/225-342-4404 or go to www.lpsc.louisiana.gov.

WIC Benefit: The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a special supplemental nutrition program for pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children (under 5 years old). WIC provides nutritious foods, nutrition information, breastfeeding promotion, breastfeeding support and referrals to other health and social services. For information, call 1-800-251-2229 or visit www.1800251baby.org.

INFORMATION FOR PAROLEES

This applies to all offenders about to be released on Diminution of Sentence ("Good Time") Parole and/or "granted" parole in Louisiana.

ALL NEW PAROLEES MUST REPORT <u>WITHIN 48 HOURS</u> UPON RELEASE IN PERSON TO THE PAROLE OFFICE STATED ON THE PAROLE CERTIFICATE.

A list of Probation & Parole District Offices is included on the back of this brochure for your information. General conditions and requirements of parole supervision may be found on the DOC website at www.doc.la.gov.

If your proposed residence is located <u>outside of Louisiana</u>, contact your Classification Officer or Probation & Parole Officer as soon as possible to begin the transfer application, and to determine the status of a pending application. You cannot leave the state without obtaining a travel permit or consent from the Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Division of Probation & Parole. If you are released prior to receiving a response to your transfer application, your Probation & Parole Officer or your Classification Officer will advise you where to report upon release until approval is obtained to allow you to leave the state.

Contact with former victims: Under LA R.S. 46:1846, a person who has been charged with any crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2, or any immediate family member of such person, shall be prohibited from communicating, either by electronic communication, in writing, or orally, with a victim of the offense, or any of his immediate family members for which the person charged has been convicted.

Probation & Parole District Offices

| Alexandria: 2800 S. MacArthur Dr., Ste. F Alexandria, LA 71301 | (318) 487-5301 |
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| Amite: 1209 NW Central Ave, Amite, LA 70422 | (985) 748-2013 |
| Baton Rouge: 2751 Wooddale Blvd Ste. 400, Baton Rouge, LA 70805 | (225) 922-0227 |
| Covington: 1712 N. Columbia St., Covington, LA 70435 | (985) 871-8351 |
| <u>Donaldsonville:</u> 10115 Frontage St., St. James, LA 70086 | (225) 474-2020 |
| East Jefferson: 1919 Veterans Mem. Blvd, Ste. 400, Kenner, LA 70062 (504) 465-3490 | |
| Feliciana: 11312 Bank St., Clinton, LA 70722 | (225) 683-5012 |
| Jefferson: 2150 Westbank Expressway Ste. 501, Harvey, LA 70058 | (504) 361-6730 |
| Lafayette: 237 W. Willow St., Lafayette, LA 70501 | (337) 262-5444 |
| <u>Lake Charles:</u> 991 Gerstner Memorial Blvd, Lake Charles, LA 70601 | (337) 491-2388 |
| Leesville: 201 Murphy St., Leesville, LA 71446 | (337) 238-6427 |
| Minden: 403 Industrial Dr., Minden, LA 71055 | (318) 371-3020 |
| Monroe: 24 Accent Dr., Ste. 101, Monroe, LA 71202 | (318) 362-3171 |
| Natchitoches: 935 4th St., Natchitoches, LA 71457 | (318) 357-3139 |
| New Iberia: 1221 Adrian St., New Iberia, LA 70560 | (337) 373-0014 |
| New Orleans: 1641 Poland Ave., New Orleans, LA 70117 | (504) 962-4400 |
| Shreveport: 2525 Youree Dr., Ste 300, Shreveport, LA 71104 | (318) 676-7040 |
| Tallulah: 1003 Johnson St., Tallulah, LA 71282 | (318) 574-4201 |
| Thibodaux: 1404 Tiger Dr., Thibodaux, LA 70302 | (985) 447-0932 |
| Ville Platte: 318 Nita Dr., Ville Platte, LA 70586 | (337) 363-6679 |
| West Baton Rouge: 1120 Northwest Dr., Port Allen, LA 70767 | (225) 342-2770 |